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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN MOU: UPDATED INTERIM RESPONSE

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[1](#)1. (SBU) Post has followed up with the GOF on the interim response reported in reftel A to points in reftel B. On January 5, Francois Delmas, action officer from the interagency Afghanistan and Pakistan Cell, said that delayed transmission of the draft MOU from the French Embassy in Kabul to Paris and a lack of personnel over the Christmas and New Year holidays had unfortunately slowed the French reply. However, he said the French Joint Staff was currently leading an interagency effort to draft a detailed official response to the MOU, and stressed that, while he could not offer substantive comment at this time, the delay was purely bureaucratic and not a tactic to express disapproval with the MOU. Adding that it was clear that this issue was of critical importance to Washington, Delmas said he would encourage GOF stakeholders to expedite the process.
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